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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2016-005637
Request No. 2016-01340
MWH:JNW

VIA: Email

Dear Ms. Hirst:

You attempted to appeal from the failure of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to respond to your Freedom of Information Act request for access to contract No. DJB200064 between BOP and Correctional Alternatives, Inc.

Department of Justice regulations provide for an administrative appeal to the Office of Information Policy only after there has been an adverse determination by a component. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.8(a) (2016). As no adverse determination has yet been made by BOP, there is no action for this Office to consider on appeal.

As you may know, the FOIA authorizes requesters to file a lawsuit when an agency takes longer than the statutory time period to respond. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(C)(i). However, I can assure you that this Office has contacted BOP and has been advised that your request is currently being processed. Furthermore, please be advised that BOP has informed this Office that the estimated date of completion of your request is May 7, 2017. If you are dissatisfied with BOP's final response, you may appeal again to this Office.

This Office has forwarded a copy of your letter to BOP. You should contact BOP's Requester Service Center at 202-616-7750 for further updates regarding the status of your request.

Exhibit G

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

11/14/2016

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Matthew Hurd, Associate Chief, for
Sean O'Neill, Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: MATTHEW HURD